GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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THEFT OF ATF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that lakhs of litres of ATF is being theft during transportation by the transporters Mafia with the involvement/consent of defence personnels and company officials authorised for receiving the products on receiving location;

(b) whether such theft may cause the adultration in the product during the transportation period and further cause the accidents during flight;

(c) whether the Government would conduct an enquiry against the sudden prosperity of some group of transporters/operators involved in this job; and

(d) if so, the time by which the enquiry would be conducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. So far, no such case of loss of ATF has come to the notice of Government. The Oil Companies are paid as per ATF physically delivered to IAF refueller or to the aircraft.

(b) The fuel being delivered to Air Force is tested by Quality Control agencies and there is no reported incidence of fuel contamination.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.